



Montgomery County Council

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SILVERMAN, SUBIN PROPOSE CREATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Montgomery County Councilmembers Steven Silverman and Michael Subin today proposed legislation to create a Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.

The 15-member Council will advise the County Council and Executive on domestic violence policies, programs, and issues. It will have representatives from the Judiciary, State's Attorney, Sheriff, Police and other public safety agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, and other departments providing services to victims of domestic violence, as well as members of the public, including a current or former victim of domestic violence.

"Incidents of domestic violence occur daily in Montgomery County," said Councilmember Silverman. "This Council can help ensure an effective community-wide response to one of our most critical public safety issues."

"The Domestic Violence Coordinating Council is the next good step in raising community awareness and a vehicle to provide us with the best input that we will need to address domestic violence issues," noted Councilmember Subin.

In 2004, the Montgomery County Police reported over 1500 incidents of domestic violence and two homicides related to domestic violence.

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